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Application No.

10/082,435

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/9/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5,7,8 and 16-21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joel Young on 1/18/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

1. In claim 1, line 3, change "body," to --body having a first end, a second end and a middle portion,--.
2. In claim 1, line 4, change "formed as a portion of said filler" to --formed as a layer on said filler--.
3. In claim 1, line 5, change "said handle element of" to --said handle element protruding outwardly from the middle portion of a top of --.
4. In claim 1, line 7, change "chassis; " to --chassis of a computer system;--.
5. In claim 3, line 4, change "adapted to" to --configured to--.
6. In claim 8, line 4, change "adapted to" to --configured to--.
7. In claim 16, line 3, change "body;" to --body having a first end, a second end and a middle portion;--.
8. In claim 16, line 7, change "chassis; " to --chassis of a computer system;--.

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9. In claim 16, line 8, change "formed as a portion of said filler" to --formed as a layer on said filler--.
10. In claim 16, line 9, change "said handle element of" to --said handle element protruding outwardly from the middle portion of a top of --.
11. In claim 16, line 13, change "adapted to" to --configured to--.
12. In claim 18, line 4, change "adapted to" to --configured to--.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-5, 7-8 and 16-21 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Re claims 1, 3, 6 and 7, prior arts do not teach or suggest the combination of a keyed filler panel body with handle element formed as a layer on said filler panel body and protruding outwardly from the middle portion of a top of the filler panel body to provide a grasping surface with respect to a chassis of a computer system.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments and amendments filed 1/9/06, along with the examiner's amendment above have been fully considered and finds the argument along with the amendments to the claim persuasive.

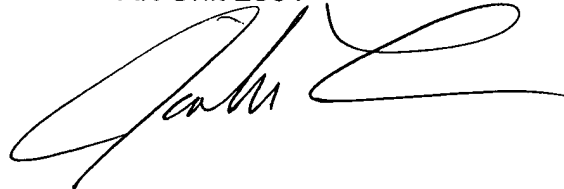
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jinhee J Lee whose telephone number is 703-306-0154. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 6:30AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on 703-308-3682. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jinhee J Lee', is written over the printed name and title.

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